Bible & Daily Living

A prophet's voice

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
THE VOICE OF A TRUE PROPHET
Lesson for September 18, 1983.
Bible Study Passages: Deuteronomy 18:15-22; Amos 5:21-24; Micah: 6:8
INTRODUCTION

There are many voices "crying in the wilderness" today.To which voice shall we listen? Which voice is speaking the truth? Sometimes it is very difficult to know which voices are for real and those that are not. Our society is filled with voices calling us to make choices or to follow a certain political, social, or religious philosophy. So many voices . . . and they all sound so promising.

Sometimes our ears are so much keener to the voice that tells us that what really matters about life is how much salary we ought to strive for and how popular a certain position will make us. We may spend enormous amounts of time listening to the voices of Wall Street, Dow Jones, or E. F. Hutton!

The world is full of people who have listened to the wrong voices and are now involved in a life style in which they find no meaning or pleasure. These run the risk of suddenly "waking up" one day to find they have spent their best years listening to the wrong voices.

This week's lesson looks at the marks of a true prophet.

PROPHET OF TRUTH (Deuteronomy 18:15-22)

The Old Testament prophet was a discernable figure amongst all other so-called prophets and sorcerers. The test of a true prophet is whether his utterances come true or not. Moses may certainly be considered as an Old Testament prophet, although we do not normally think of him as such. Moses spoke out against those who practiced socery and those who claimed expertise in forecasting the future. He declared such practices to be an abomination unto the Lord.

There are two kinds of prophets. Those who speak the truth and those who utter falsehoods. In the days of Moses there were some prophets who openly supported pagan gods and supposedly spoke for them. This kind of prophet is easier to spot than the prophet who claims he speaks for God but is really a phony.

In our modern times we have a number of "prophets" who seek to forecast the future of our Lord's return. If Jesus himself claimed no knowledge of the day and time, how can anyone presume to know? A true prophet is tested by the outcome of his words.

AMOS: A COURAGEOUS PROPHET (Amos 5:21-24)

A prophet is not merely a "weather" forecaster of events to came. A prophet of God is also commissioned to declare the message of God. The major and minor prophets often spoke the words of doom as inspired by God. Their words often fell on deaf ears and hardened hearts. Unlike E. F. Hutton, the people did not enjoy hearing what they had to say. The early prophets often risked their lives to proclaim God's message.

Amos is a representative of those prophets who fell into disfavor with the hearers of his pronouncement. Neither he nor his message were appreciated. Even the priest, Amaziah sought to silence Amos by sending him home.

Amos was perceived as a thorn in the people's sides. He challenged their outward show of religious practices and rebuked their social injustices.

THE PROPHET OF TRUTH (Micah 6:8)

The minor prophets played a major role in proclamation of God's message. One minor prophet named Micah stands out as a spokesman for truth. God has spoken to us through Micah and has said that we are to "do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God." There is such a thing as a Christian ethic for relationships between people. When we walk with God in humility we will naturally want to treat our fellow human beings with love and honesty.

Sin is the barrier that keeps us from fulfilling God's requirements. God has offered us a remedy for our sin, so that we may show mercy to those in need.

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Registration is now being accepted for an "Effective Time Management" course offered by the Distributive Education Department at Appomattox County High School.

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The four-hour seminar will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. in room 305 of the high school. Advance registration fee is $5.00. To register, please phone Mr. John McHale, ACHS Distributive Education Coordinator at 352-5317 or send $5.00 check made payable to Appomattox County High School to the Distributive Education Department, Appomattox County High School, Appomattox, VA 24522.

UMW meet tonight

The United Methodist Women of Memorial United Methodist Church will have their regular meeting on Wed., Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

The Rev. C. W. Chappell, Methodist missionary to Africa, will be guest speaker. He will also show slides on his work.

Obituaries

Cynthia (Cindy) Cash

Cynthia (Cindy) Dawn Cash, 18, of Pomona Drive, Madison Heights, died Sun., Sept. 11, 1983, at Virginia Baptist Hospital as a result of injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Born in Lynchburg, she was a daughter of James W. (Ned) Cash and Juanita Tomlin Cash of Madison Heights. She was an honor graduate of the Amherst County High School class of 1983 and was enrolled in Central Virginia Community College. She was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a sister, Cheryl Renee Cash, and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Tomlin, both of Madison Heights.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Whitten Timberlake Chapel by the Revs. Marvin T. Suitt and D. Jack Hamilton. Interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Whitten Timberlake Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Charles Hubbard

Charles Hubbard, of Route 611, Concord, departed this life Sunday morning, Sept. 4, in Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Betsy Trent Hubbard.

Born in Pittsylvania County, he was a son of the late John and Lottie Harris Hubbard. He joined the Staunton Baptist Church and later changed his membership to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church upon moving to Concord. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Navy, and was active in the American Legion. He attended Long Island School and resided in Washington, D.C. for 40 years until his retirement from Williamson Chevrolet as a master mechanic and from his upholstery business. He attended Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, where he faithfully served on the Men's Usher Board for 21 years.

In addition to his wife, he leaves to mourn his death one sister, Mrs. Adell McKenny, Washington, D.C.; four sisters-in-law, Mrs. Arrie Thornhill and Mrs. Rosa Harris of Lynchburg, Mrs. Marie Smith, Concord, and Mrs. Laura Holt, of Baltimore, Md., and nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. from White Rock Baptist Church, Florida Avenue, with the Rev. C. L. Elliott and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church officiating. Legionnaire rites were conducted by Post No. 140 of Maryland.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Walter Raleigh Johnson

Walter Raleigh Johnson, 80, of Route 1, Concord, died Sept. 5, 1983, at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Bristol Oct. 9, 1902, he was the husband of Margaret Shepard Johnson. He was a member and former deacon of New Concord Presbyterian Church and was a retired construction foreman and cattle farmer. He was a member of the Moose and Elk clubs.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Margaret Ann Welsh, Wichita, Kansas; a son, Walter Gordon Johnson, Rustburg; a sister, Mrs. Kenneth Jones, Holden Beach, N.C., and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 7, 1983 at New Concord Presbyterian Church by the Revs. Ken Thomas and Duke Johnson. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

J. R. (Jimmy) Ray

James Richard Ray, 73, of 1005 Main Street, Madison Heights, died Saturday, Sept. 10, 1983, at his residence.

Born in Amherst County, he was the son of the late William Marshall Ray and Mary Ellen (Mollie) Walton Ray. He was owner and operator of Jimmy's Studio in Madison Heights and was a member of Madison Heights Baptist Church.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Elmo (Dolly) Baldwin, Madison Heights; four nephews, Neil Baldwin, Kyle Baldwin and William Ray, all of Madison Heights, and Donald Ray of Bermuda; and a niece, Dorothy Woodson, Madison Heights.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday in Madison Heights Baptist Church by the Revs. Hugh Baumgarner and Michael W. Bown. Interment was in Meade Cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Eula Carson Stratton

Eula Carson Stratton, 93, died Thursday morning, Sept. 8, at her residence. She was the wife of the late C. Melvin Stratton, Jr.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Edwin H. and Sallie Owen Carson. She was a member of the Daughters of American Revolution, James Gillam Chapter, and a member of Bethel United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Faye S. Thomas, Senatobia, Miss.; three grandchildren, Charles F. P. Crawley, Yorktown, and Carson Crawley and Dick R. Thomas II, both of Memphis, Tenn.; two great-grandchildren, Chas Crawley and Anne Hunter Crawley, both of Yorktown.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at Hebron Baptist Church by the Rev. David R. Camden.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

C. Meree Thompson

Carlton Meree Thompson, 67, of Route 1, Concord, died Sun., Sept. 11, 1983, at 1:30 a.m. at his residence.

He was twice married, first to the late Pauline Inge Thompson, then to Lois Cooper Thompson of Concord. Born in Campbell County April 17, 1916, he was the son of the late George L. Thompson and Alice Cheatham Thompson. He was a member of New Concord Presbyterian Church where he was a former deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher. He was a member of the Moose Lodge #715 and was a retired meat inspector for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Robert W. Thompson, Lynchburg; a daughter, Mrs. H. R. Torbert of Garland, Texas; a stepson, William H. Cooper, Lynchburg; two stepdaughters, Mrs. B. Thomas Cannon, Forest, and Mrs. A. Franklin Hudson, Jr., Madison Heights; two brothers, Reese M. Thompson, Rustburg, and Marshall M. Thompson, Lynchburg; five grandchildren; and five stepgrandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at New Concord Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Kenneth Thomas. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Virginia Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Anniversary to be noted

Midway Baptist Church, located off Route 40 near Phenix, will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Sun., Sept. 25. All friends, relatives, and former members are invited to attend the day's events.

Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship will start at 10:45 a.m. During the morning worship service, former pastors will reminisce about their years at Midway.

A covered-dish lunch will be served on the church grounds beginning at 12:30 p.m. A special afternoon service highlighting critical events in Midway's 150-year history will begin at 2 p.m.

Homecoming slated

Providence Baptist Church in Red House will be celebrating homecoming on Sun., Sept. 18, 1983. The Reverend Hilton Moore, former pastor, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Worship will be followed by dinner on the church grounds. You are cordially invited to attend.

Service scheduled

Homecoming at Yellow Branch Baptist Church on Rt. 29 will be this Sunday at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Robert Gillispie as guest speaker.

Revival services will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday with the Rev. Lee Stocks as guest evangelist.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Homecoming Services
Sunday, Sept. 18, 1983

10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
12:00 noon	Dinner on the Grounds
2:00 p.m.	Music Service Featuring THE PATHLIGHTERS

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- Recognition of 31 new members since October, 1982
- Sunday School goal of 285

We urge all members to be present and extend a cordial invitation to former members and the public.

Rev. Davis, pastor of West Side Baptist Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, will bring the 11:00 a.m. message during the Homecoming Services of New Hope. He holds degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Davis pastored New Hope from 1975-1981. He has also served as Youth Director at First Baptist Church, Bluefield, West Virginia, and Director of Student Activities at Bluefield College, Bluefield, Virginia.

Rev. Davis is married to former Joy Ragland of Goochland, Virginia.

It is our privilege to have Rev. Davis and Joy with us during this very significant occasion and we hope you will make plans to be a part of this time of FELLOWSHIP, FEASTING, and FESTIVITIES. Rev. Bob Williams is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, located six miles east of Appomattox on Highway 24.

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Eph. 6:10-18

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Rocks news

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Rocks, Sept. 5 - Again a nice rain came Sunday afternoon, very thankful for it.

Sympathy goes out to Mrs. Edna Covington of Lynchburg whose brother passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 31 in Lynchburg General Hospital. Her brother lived at Rustburg. He will be greatly missed.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Billy Hodges of Spout Spring who was killed in an automobile accident early Saturday morning. His parents are Carl and Ella Kress Hodges. A very large crowd attended the funeral at Robinson's Funeral Home in Appomattox on Monday.

Mrs. Bennett of Danville left Monday afternoon after a short stay here with the Rev. and Mrs. Wes Williams and Greg.

Glad everyone returned safely after camping and being on vacation.

The Friendship Circle had their September meeting on Tuesday afternoon with Pearl Ransom. Officers were named for the coming year.

Gald to hear Mr. Roy Keys is doing much better after surgery on Monday.

Get-well wishes go out to Louise Mann who had surgery last week. May he have a speedy recovery.

Timothy Webb, son of James M. Webb of Pamplin has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force as First Class Machanist at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. Best wishes go out to him.

Rev. W.H. Elder preached at his home church, Childrey near Brookneal on Sept. 4. Mrs. Elder accompanied him there. It was a good day for them. Their daughter and her husband joined them there. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry East, Jr.

Sympathy goes out to the Lacy Dickerson family in the death of his wife, Della. The funeral will be at Robinson's Funeral Home on Saturday at 2 p.m. with burial in Liberty Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee Elder and Clara Joe left on Sept. 3 for a few days' vacation.

Patty Roach and Susan Morris left on Sept. 4 to enter Radford College. Others will be going later. The best of everything is wished them.

Kaven Lacks passed away at his home near Cullen on Thursday after a long illness. Sympathy goes out to his family and other relatives.

Mary Bagby will go back to see the doctor in Lynchburg on Sept. 9. May she get a good report at this time. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Donald Roach went back to work in Orange on Tuesday.

Week of Prayer for State Missions will be observed Sept. 11-18 at Rocks. Goal $638.00. May everyone join in and help meet this goal. Theme "See how Love works."

Mrs. Margaret Marshall attended the Marshall and Caldwell reunion held last weekend.

Get well wishes go out to Melvin Winters wife, Kris who had surgery recently.

The W.M.U. Executive Board will meet on Sept. 12 with Evergreen church at 10:30.

Rev. Wes Williams marks his second anniversary date at Rocks on Sept. 13.

Faithful Workers Sunday School class will have their class meeting with Mrs. Etta Harris on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

A very speedy recovery is wished Mr. Roy Keys who returned home from Va. Baptist Hospital on Thursday after being operated on.

Sunday School Leadership Conference will be at Elon Church on Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Danny Owen is associational Sunday school director. Lawson Pankey will be at this meeting.

Mrs. Allie Wayne spent a few days last week with her sister, Lina and Emma during the Labor Day holidays to be with their neice from Maryland and her children who were here.

TEN—YEAR—OLD ROBERT WILLIAM PRICE is shown with a 12-pound eight-ounce cantaloupe he grew in his family garden at Evergreen. Robert is shown with his dad, William E. Price. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Malcolm Scott Hayden

Hayden receives degree

Malcolm Scott Hayden, the son of Martha Diggs Hayden of Appomattox, and Grayson M. Hayden of Wright City, Mo., were among the 1983 summer graduates of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond. Exercises were held on Wednesday evening, September 7 at 7:30 in the Scottish Rite Temple, 4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond.

Hayden graduated magna cum laude and received his certificate in Diesel Mechanics. He has accepted a full time position with Sears in Regency Plaza, Richmond.

Attending the exercises were Martha Diggs Hayden, Sherrie Lynn Hayden and Sarah Virginia Hayden of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith of Charlottesville and Miss Sadie Williams of Richmond.

Kenneth Powell recertified

Dr. Kenneth A. Powell of Appomattox, Virginia, has been recertified as a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice (ABFP) as a result of passing a recertification examination offered by the ABFP. The physician thus maintains specialist status in the medical specialty of family practice.

ABFP diplomates must continue to show proof of competence in the field of comprehensive, continuing care of the family by being recertified every six years. No other major medical specialty requires diplomates to be recertified on a continuing basis.

The written examination is designed to prove the candidate's continuing competence in the basic components of family practice -- internal medicine, surgery, obstetries and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry and neurology, and community medicine.

To qualify for certification initially a physician must have successfully completed three years of residency training in family practice and passed an intensive 2-day certification examination. There are some 385 residency training programs in teaching hospitals and university medical centers across the United States.

There now have been certified more than 30,600 diplomates in the specialty. Most are members of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the national association of family doctors. The Academy was the first national medical group to require members to take continuing study, and was chiefly responsible for securing specialty status for family practice.

Galilee church news

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethern to dwell together in unity."

We invite you all to regular worship services at Galilee this coming Sunday at 11 a.m. Pastor Davis will deliver the morning message and the Youth Services Singers will render the choral selections.

In continuing our efforts to support our civic organizaitons, the NAACP is sponsoring a special service this Sunday at 3 p.m. The very talented Rev. Robert Jones of Farmville will be our guest minister. Along with his pastoral duties at St. Luke, Rev. Jones has an active music ministry. He is an accomplished pianist and singer. Miss Deborah Kelso is the representative from Galilee working for the NAACP.

The music department announces rehearsal for the YSD Singers Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are lining up our fall repetory.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, the Galilee NAACP workers will sponsor a cook-out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Kelso on Patrica Anne Lane. We appreciate your support.

Our Bible Study this week deals with the concordance. A review of the pronunciation rules will aid greatly in our Bible reading. Refer to the list of miracles in the concordance and you might be surprised at the many varied type sof miracles Jesus performed.

Let us continue to look ever to Jesus, pray for one another and stand for right and shun the sin. Have a good week!

St. Luke news

By LOUISE M. CANADA

The regular preaching service at St. Luke Baptist Church was well attended on Sept. 6. The Rev. R. Jones was in charge and delivered a great message.

The Young Adult Choir provided music. The Rev. Alvin Jones assisted with the devotions.

The Rev. R. Jones, Deacons Tweedy, Hunter and Scott attended the ordaining services for the Rev. Paul Canada at Green Springs Church at 6 p.m. Sunday. Mrs. Louise Canada and Mrs. Sadie Scott also attended.

Deacon James Tweedy and Mrs. Louise Canada enjoyed the family reunion at the home of Mrs. Elvira Hancock Pennix Sunday at 3 p.m. Delicious food was served.

On the fourth Sunday in August Mrs. Louise Cronner, Mrs. Mary Hamlette, Mrs. Ocie Elliott, Mrs. Anna Canada, Mrs. Ollie Yuille and Mrs. Louise Canada went to the Memorial Baptist Church in South Boston to the homecoming services. The Rev. James McLaughlin, former pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church, is pastor at the South Boston house of worship. A delightful lunch was served that day by the ladies of the church.

Mrs. Issie Bell Jones is now home from the hospital after undergoing surgery.

Mt. Shiloh notes

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25,26.

A very appreciative crowd attended regular worship service Sunday. The Rev. Gary D. Moore delivered a soul-stirring message and beautiful music was rendered by the young adult choir.

The Appomattox Voters League and Assembly will be registering all qualified citizens of the county at our center Thursday, Sept. 22, 1983 from 5 to 9 p.m.

We were happy to hear that Mr. Willie Harvey is improving nicely after undergoing surgery in the Lynchburg General Hospital. Let's continue to remember him and the sick everywhere in our prayers.

Jordan news

The Young Adult Choir will practice Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Men's Club and the Women's Club will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Church meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

Senior Choir practice will be held Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Webb.

Regular preaching and close of the rally will be held the fourth Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

The entire community was saddened to hear the death of Mr. Lewis Watkins. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

The picture taking that was to be held Sat., Sept. 17, has been cancelled. Each person who paid will be contacted and your money returned.

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